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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the final office action mailed 8/23/06. The claims have been amended herein as discussed in a telephone conference on 2/9/07 between examiner Hetul Patel and patent attorney Timothy Ellis, in which examiner Patel stated that this amendment would be entered. Attorney Ellis thanks examiner Patel for his courtesy during the telephone conference. More specifically, herein the preambles of independent claims 1 and 20, and dependent claims 2-19, have been amended to recite “a storage medium”, rather than “a tangible signal bearing medium”, to place claims 1-20 in condition for allowance. Please amend the claims as indicated beginning on page 3 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.